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Prior Application No: 09/101,341

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## REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUING PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



This is a request for filing a [x] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (Continuing Prosecution Application) of prior Application No. <u>09/101,341</u>, filed on July 8, 1998, for METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN **QUESTION** by the following named inventor(s):

	(a)	Full Name Kent MALMGREN			
•	(b)	Full Name Bengt WIDBERG			
	(c)	Full Name			
This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:					
	(a)	Full Name			
	(b)	Full Name			
	(c)	Full Name			



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The above-identified prior application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

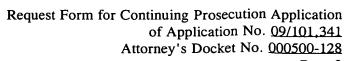
It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all other applications in the same file wrapper.

1.	[]	Enter the amendment previously filed on under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.
2.	[]	The election made previously in the prior application does <u>not</u> carry over to this application.
3.	[]	A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
4.	[ ]	statement(s) claiming small entity status [ ] is/are enclosed [ ] was/were filed in prior Application No, filed on
5.	[x]	The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior

application as amended at 1 and 3 above:

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	No. of Claims		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$690.00 (101)
Total Claims	19	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$78.00 (102) =	0
If multiple dependent cl	aims are prese	ented, add \$260.0	0 (104)		
Total Application Fee				690.00	
If small entity status is o	claimed, subtr	act 50% of Total	Application F	ee	
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				690.00	

6.	[x]	This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
7.	[]	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed for the fee due.
8.	[]	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.



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9. [x] Priority of Application No. 9600087-2, filed on January 10,1996, in Sweden (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.			- <del></del>		
	[x]	The	certific [ ] [x] [ ]	ed copy of the priority application is enclosed was filed on July 8, 1998 in prior Application No. 09/101,341; has not yet been filed.  JUL 18 2000 Sed	
10.	[]	Also enclosed			
11.	[x]	of attorney in the prior application is to the Attorneys of Burns, Doane, Mathis, LLP including William C. Rowland, Reg. No. 30,888.			
		a. b.	[]	The power appears in the original papers in the prior application. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.	
		c.	[X]	Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent Roger H. Lee, Reg. No. 46,317.	
		d.	[]	Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)	
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